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NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37 CFR 1.192(c)

The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review as required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(6). The disposition of the claims is partially correct as described by Applicant. The Examiner agrees with the disposition of rejections labeled (a.), (b.), (c.), (e.) and (f.). However, the Examiner has noted an error with Applicants rejection labeled (d.). In fact, a proper reading of the Rejection mailed 19 June 2001 would replace the improper interpretation of Applicant with the actual rejections that were previously provided upon Final Rejection.

- d.¹ Whether Appellants' claims 1-10 and 12-25 are properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Tapper (U.S. Patent No. 4,822,334).
- d.² Whether Appellants' claims 1-10 and 12-25 are properly rejected under 35 U.S.C.
 §103(a) as being obvious over Haak et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,203,768).

The Examiner has therefore issued this notice to provide Applicant the opportunity to revise the issues and provide the necessary arguments for proper review by the Board of Patent Appeals.

The brief does not contain arguments of the appellant with respect to each of the issues presented for review in 37 CFR 1.192(c)(6), and the basis therefore, with citations of the authorities, statutes, and parts of the record relied on as required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(8).

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c).

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or

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THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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